

HOUSE BILL 4236

By Matheny

AN ACT to amend Chapter 553 of the Acts of 1903; as amended by Chapter 405 of the Acts of 1907; Chapter 241 of the Private Acts of 1974 and Chapter 8 of the Private Acts of 1983; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to voting in municipal elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 553 of the Acts of 1903; as amended by Chapter 405 of the Acts of 1907; Chapter 241 of the Private Acts of 1974; Chapter 8 of the Private Acts of 1983; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended in Section 4 by deleting the following sentence:

Every person entitled to vote for members of the General Assembly by the laws of the State, and who shall have been a bonafide resident within the corporation limits thirty (30) days next preceding the election shall be entitled to vote, or as otherwise provided by the laws of the State of Tennessee for municipal elections if they require less restrictive qualifications.

and substituting instead the following language:

In all elections and referendums held in the City for any purpose, persons who are qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly and who have resided in the City's corporate limits for a time sufficient to be qualified voters in accordance with general law shall be qualified to vote in a City election or referendum. Persons who reside outside the City's corporate limits, but who are a resident of Coffee, Franklin, Bedford or Moore counties and who own, within the City's corporate limits, at least fifty percent (50%) freehold interest in real property, commercial or residential, and assessed for real estate tax purposes for five thousand (\$5,000) or more, shall be qualified to vote in a City election or referendum. However, no more than two (2) persons, based upon

the ownership of an individual tract of property regardless of the number of property owners shall be permitted to vote.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Tullahoma. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the Mayor of the City of Tullahoma and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.